

President's News Conference
26 July 1951
 Harry S. Truman, 1951

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would not enforce that law until it had been decided upon by the United States Supreme Court. I wonder if you wish to comment on the stand taken by the Commissioners?

THE PRESIDENT. The matter is pending in the courts, and I never comment on things that are pending in the courts.

[10.] Q. Mr. President, have you found a successor for James Pope on the TVA Board?

THE PRESIDENT. No, I haven't. I will announce it just as soon as I do find one.

[11.] Q. Mr. President, would you care to clarify the functions of the newly formed Gordon Gray board? There seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding as to it.

THE PRESIDENT. The Psychological Warfare Board is just what it says. That board is for the purpose of coordinating things that will psychologically help win the peace. I think Gordon Gray can give you a detailed statement on the subject that will cover every phase of it. I would have to talk all afternoon to do that.

Q. May I ask one more question, sir?

THE PRESIDENT. Go ahead.

Q. Do you intend for it to be a permanent board?

THE PRESIDENT. Yes. It is a part of the Central Intelligence Agency. *

[12.] Q. Mr. President, would you be able to clarify my thinking on when you will decide whether or not you will seek election in 1952?

THE PRESIDENT. You know, I am afraid that I just can't do anything for your thought factory on that! [Laughter]

Q. Thank you, sir. I was trying to think of a new way to phrase it. Have you decided whether or not you will do any stumping this year?

THE PRESIDENT. Can't answer that one either.

[13.] Q. Mr. President, there is a report that Ralph Bunche will be the next Ambassador to Moscow?

THE PRESIDENT. I haven't heard about it.

Q. Can you comment—

THE PRESIDENT. I say I haven't heard about it.

[14.] Q. Mr. President, can you give us any idea when you will name a new Chief of Naval Operations?

THE PRESIDENT. No, I cannot. I don't like to discuss things like that when the great man is lying in his coffin.*

Q. Mr. President, can't hear—we can't hear.

THE PRESIDENT. I said I don't like to discuss things like that when the man who held the place before is lying in his coffin.

Q. Do you have anything that you want to add?

THE PRESIDENT. No, I can't think of a thing, thank you very much.

Reporter: Well, thank you, sir.

NOTE: President Truman's two hundred and seventy-second news conference was held in the Indian Treaty Room (Room 474) in the Executive Office Building at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 1951.

* Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations, died in Naples, Italy, on July 22. He had just completed a mission to Spain where he discussed European defense measures with Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

172 Letter to Committee Chairmen on Financing the United Nations Palestine Refugee Program. July 27, 1951

My dear _____:

I wish to call to your attention a critical situation which now exists with respect to

the financing of the Palestine Refugee Program of the United Nations. This program of relief to Arab refugees displaced from

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